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CZECH BROADCASTING BEHAVIOR

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AS OF 2200 GMT ON 22 AUGUST THE BEHAVIOR OF MEDIUM WAVE CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTERS AUDIBLE AT THE AUSTRIAN BUREAU WAS AS FOLLOWS :

THE ONLY REMAINING "FREE AND LEGITIMATE" TRANSMITTERS SUPPORTING THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT STILL AUDIBLE ARE THOSE BROADCASTING ON 701, 953, 1097, AND 1520 KCS. THE 701 KCS AND 1097 KCS TRANSMITTERS, CALLING THEMSELVES "FREE SLOVAK" RADIO STATIONS, ARE ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY IN PARALLEL. THE 953 AND 1520 KCS OUTLETS SEEM TO BE BROADCASTING FROM MORAVIA OR BOHEMIA. ALL OF THESE TRANSMITTERS FREQUENTLY SWITCH OVER TO STUDIOS IN PRAGUE AND PLZEN, TO A NEW TRANSMITTER CALLING ITSELF "CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE," AND TO CERTAIN OTHER STUDIOS.

DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS RECEPTION PROGRESSIVELY DETERIORATED TO THE EXTENT THAT NONE OF THE TRANSMITTERS ABOVE ARE CORRECTLY AUDIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSORS. RADIATED POWER HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERABLY REDUCED, AND RECEPTION IS MARRED BY BOTH STRONG HETERODYNING CAUSED BY ONE, TWO, OR MORE CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCASTS ON THE SAME FREQUENCY. APPARENTLY THESE TRANSMITTERS ARE NOW OPERATING FROM MAKESHIFT STUDIOS WITH MAKESHIFT TRANSMITTERS.

THE MATERIALS BROADCAST HAVE DIMINISHED IN TOPICALITY. MOST PROGRAMMING CONSISTS OF GENERAL APPEALS FOR CALM, LOCAL NEWS, AND LOCALLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS. THIS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE MAKESHIFT STUDIOS HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH CENTRAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION. THIS IMPRESSION IS FURTHER BORNE OUT BY THE FACT THAT FREQUENT APPEALS ARE BROADCAST TO LISTENERS, JOURNALISTS, AND RADIO AMATEURS TO CONTACT THE STUDIOS AND OFFER WHATEVER RELIABLE INFORMATION THEY HAVE RECEIVED.

FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTERS ON 638 AND 272 KCS HAVE BEEN EITHER SILENT OR HEARD TO CARRY PRO-SOVIET MATERIAL.

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